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DAILY TRIBUNE.

NO. 51 CLARK STREET.

CITY OF CHICAGO.

Saturday Morning Dec. 13 1861.

The President's Message.

With the exception of those passes which relate directly to the extension of slavery, we find nothing seriously objectionable in Mr. Buchanan's message. The questions of currency and banking, foreign relations and the internal administration of the government, are treated mildly and cautiously, though, as sometimes, tedious length. The question which obscures all others, that which lurked in a shadow behind the secretary of the Senate had finished the reading—was put off in a manner singularly unobtrusive. The intentions of the Administration respecting the Lecompton Constitution had already been foreshadowed. This purpose was the forcing of slavery upon the incident State by a bold violation of that Popular Sovereignty upon which Mr. Buchanan had staked his all. The falsehoods employed to sustain this conspiracy are evident. The hardly need be recounted: 1st. That the slave question has been fairly submitted to the people; 2d. That this question is the only one at issue among the people. Both are lies with intent to steal.

The infidelity of Mr. Buchanan's treatment of this subject has already been noticed in Douglas' adroit handling of the message. It consists in a word, or the following sentence, which will be found in different parts of the message:

"I took it for granted that the constitution of Kansas would be a Free or Slave State, and, inasmuch as the evils Constitution to the people, founded, in its own principles; and hence, I did not consider it necessary to submit the question to the people, were expunged in general and unqualified terms."

Whether Kansas shall be a Free or Slave State, must eventually, under some circumstances, be a question of difficulty, if not of necessity, to be solved, clearly or definitely, to the people themselves.

Other words: It is palpably just that the organic law of a new State should be passed upon by those who are expected to live under it, especially a Masterly considerable portion of the people dissent from it, that I directed the Governor to tell the people it should be submitted to the vote of the entire population. Here is a Constitution which will not be submitted, and yet I think the question in dispute submitted "clearly and distinctly." We put it more pointedly: the whole Constitution ought to be submitted; it is not submitted; *put it in it's submitted!*

No wonder Douglas caught the pettifogger in the sharp end of an especially uncomfortable javelin. He holds that the President is in the right of his course.

He says very well that the President is in the right of his course. He adopts this as a short cut of getting Brown's nose out of joint.

But the damage is of no consequence. It is giving language so well-wooded as to design to commit a great crime. The fight has already begun for the Slave—distrustfully we think, to the party of freedom. Let every division, let the movements of his Representative, let the people give these Representatives to understand that a failure on their part in this new struggle for the liberty of a continent will prove their irredeemable perdition.

Three Degrees in Republicanism.

The *Democrat*, a day or two since, had a rather forcible article on the degree of Republicanism, which was badly marred by dastardly, malicious sneer of several quiet, respectable Republican citizens, who have in no way molested or injured him. But he has given of sight these "ravings of the heart." Long John says that Black Republicanism has three degrees, and that Douglas has already taken the first—or entered apprentice degree. He thus describes the successive steps in the mystery of Black Republicanism:

"The first is, that we cannot possibly do any better for the people than to let them be. The people to the people, with the understanding, that we will not interfere with their property."

The second is, that after we have got a man through the Slave Power, which settles the whole matter, and makes Kansas a Free State without settling the question.

The third is, that after a man is willing to make Democracy.

There is the degree of "Black Republicanism." In the Old World it is called Red Republicanism. In the New World, it is called Jacksonism, and it was called Democracy.

There are also three degrees in Black Democracy, viz.: Denial of the right of self-government of the Territories, and the subjugation of the Lecompton宪法.

The second degree is the first, which reduces the colored man to the level of the horse, and makes the Constitution carry Slavey into all the Territories. The third degree is denoted by the national organ of the Democracy as follows:

"The right of a slave state coming into a free State has a right to the protection of the Federal Government, as by the Constitution of the United States, any law of a free State to the contrary notwithstanding."

As an extraordinary occasion, having occurred in the affairs of the Territory, with the aid of the report of the Secretary of War, it is recommended that the Legislature be called together upon such occasion:

"Frederick P. Stanton, Secretary and Acting Governor, do hereby summon the Members of the Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory, to assemble in their respective seats at Lecompton on Monday next the 7th inst., then and there to consider together upon such occasion:

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